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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION  
STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
5 *1, 2008*):

6 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
7 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
8 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
9 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
10 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and  
11 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including  
12 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which  
13 may include the dangers of gang membership, and accident  
14 prevention; language arts, including reading, writing, grammar,  
15 speaking and spelling; mathematics; physical education; science; social

16 studies, including, but not limited to, citizenship, economics,  
17 geography, government and history; and in addition, on at least the  
18 secondary level, one or more foreign languages and vocational  
19 education. For purposes of this subsection, language arts may include  
20 American sign language or signed English, provided such subject  
21 matter is taught by a qualified instructor under the supervision of a  
22 teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State Board of Education.  
23 For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means any form of visual or  
24 performing arts, which may include, but not be limited to, dance,  
25 music, art and theatre."

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